



## Participatory Budgeting Pilot



## Purpose

Provide Council with an overview of the City's first Participatory Budgeting pilot and options to consider for future years.



<https://vimeo.com/71975359>



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## PB Comes to Victoria

Your Dollars - Your Decisions - Your City

**Got an idea to improve Victoria?**

#pbvic

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Information Session: August 29, 6-8 p.m., City Hall  
Proposal Deadline: September 28, 2017

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## Setting the Stage

(January – April 2017)

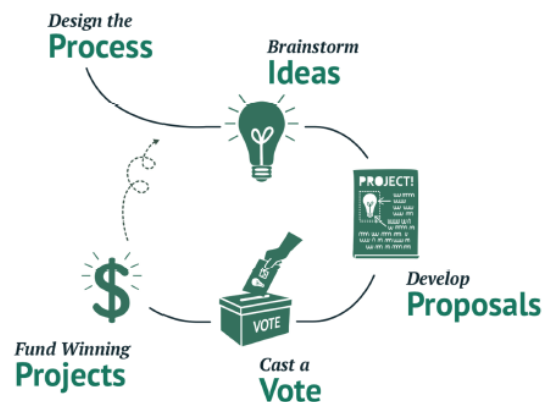


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## Steering Committee and Rulebook

(May – July 2017)

PB Victoria Steering Committee 2017: Rulebook



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# Call for Proposals

(August to October 2017)

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Participatory Budgeting Victoria shared City of Victoria - Local Government's post.  
September 12, 2017 · 🌐

Throwback to some of the great ideas that came out of our info session on August 29th! Some of the ideas are now coming in as proposals 🙌



City of Victoria - Local Government added 2 new photos.  
Published by Melinda Jolley · 🌐 · August 29, 2017 · 🌐

A big shout out to all the residents who attended the Participatory Budgeting workshop tonight. Lots of inspiring ideas! #pbvic



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# Proposal Development

(October to December 2017)



Participatory Budgeting Victoria  
Like This Page · October 9, 2017 · 🌐

The members of the citizen-led Participatory Budget Steering Committee have gathered today to review your proposal submissions! We're so impressed with the dozens of creative, thoughtful and diverse project proposals received from the community! Thank you, Victoria. Have a great long weekend and stay tuned for further updates! 🙌

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Kelly Stewart Kurta Such creative amazing minds in the proposals. What an amazing group you all are, the first PBSC for Victoria BC. Exciting things to come

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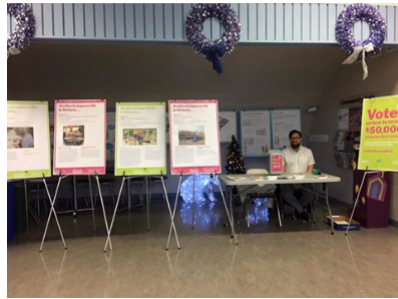
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# Community Voting

(December to January 2018)

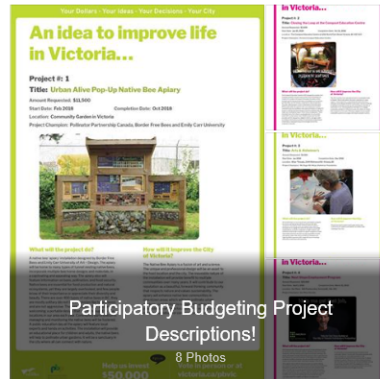
**Participatory Budgeting Victoria**  
December 17, 2017 · 📍

We're having a pop-up vote at Crystal Pool from 2-4:30pm today! Come down and cast your vote!



**Participatory Budgeting Victoria** added 8 new photos to the album: Participatory Budgeting Project Descriptions! — in 📍 Victoria, British Columbia.  
January 15 · 📍

Check out our 8 projects and cast your ballot for your favorite 3! Voting is open until January 20th! For higher quality images visit: [www.victoria.ca/pbvic](http://www.victoria.ca/pbvic)



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# Implementation

**The City of Victoria has voted!**

**\$52,500 in funding will be distributed to the following community-based projects: The Next Steps Employment Program, Urban Alive Pop-Up Bee Apiary, Food Eco District Learning Garden**



**Our sincerest thanks to all who participated with Victoria's first Participatory Budget!**



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## How it Went

- High participation
- New voices engaged
- Greater awareness and understanding of the City's budget process and how decisions are made



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## Lessons Learned

- One paid person on the committee to manage the project
- Required more time from community volunteers and staff than initially anticipated
- Allocate resources to support individuals / smaller group prepare applications
- Change timeframe for voting from winter to summer



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## Recommendation

**Explore empowering a community organization to run the program each year**

Proposed areas of focus:

2019: Youth

2020: Newcomers

2021: Neighbourhood Spaces



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